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WHOLE NO. 568

Tri-County League Meets at S. L. O.; Roosevelt Speaks

Meeting of the Tri-County Labor League for Political Education was held Aug. 14, at 10 a.m. in San Luis Obispo, where the group heard James Roosevelt, Democratic National Committeeman for California and possible candidate for governor next year, speak at a Democratic rally.

In spite of the change in date and the morning hour, union members from the Tri-County area made the trip, even from Ventura, for the 10 o'clock session in Carpenters Hall at San Luis Obispo. In the absence of William Dean, president, B. W. Oberholser of San Luis Obispo served as temporary chairman, with Secretary John J. McKay taking the minutes.

CANDIDATES

There was some discussion of possible candidates for the 11th District Congressional post, and considerable discussion also of the urgent need to see that the incumbent, Congressman Ernest Bramblett, will be replaced by someone who will vote favorably on measures to give labor and the people at large a fair break.

Cliff Jameson, of Teamsters 186, AFL, Santa Barbara, was among those who stressed the urgency of strong, united action now and continuously until election time.

"Bramblett voted NO on the Minimum Wage bill," Cliff pointed out, enumerating various other measures on which the incumbent also has opposed labor.

One way to further activity, Cliff suggested, is to get more locals affiliated with the Political Education movement.

Others emphasized the same need, because although many locals throughout the three counties of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura have affiliated with the Tri-County League and are taking an active part, there are still other locals that have yet to send their delegates—and their dues.

B. W. Oberholser urged that every member take a report of the Tri-County League meetings and activities back to his local and tell there the need for full support in the coming election battle.

Pat Patterson, of Seaside, Democratic Committeeman of Monterey County, was present and spoke forcefully.

NEED MONEY
"In order to be effective, you need money," Patterson declared, suggesting that Bingo parties and such affairs provide fun and also funds.

"Attend every meeting and keep informed," Patterson urged also. "The 33rd Assembly race this time is very important, most important in California in 20 years."

"On this next Assembly will rest the responsibility of redistricting the state, now grown to be second largest in the country. California should be entitled to five or six more congressmen."

As immediate steps, Patterson suggested, "Find potential candidates, check their records."

Patterson also enumerated some of the many "bad" votes of Bramblett, such as against the reciprocal trade agreements, minimum wage law, and many, many others.

"Support some man who will help, or else you will be helping to elect Bramblett," Patterson advised.

THE NEXT GOVERNOR
Patterson predicted that James Roosevelt will be elected governor next year and urged the need of electing assemblymen and congressmen who will give him definite help.

John McKay cited the activities of the labor group in Monterey as a good example, for at the last election there every candidate endorsed by labor was elected.

Ted Holland of Santa Maria spoke strongly for prompt political action, urging the necessity to "get a candidate" who will be fair to labor.

ATTEND BARBECUE
The Tri-County League adjourned in time to attend as a group the meeting of the 11th Congressional District Democratic Central Committee at 11:30 a.m. in Anderson Hotel, San Luis Obispo. Following that session, at 1 p.m., the San Luis Obispo Democrats, headed by Mayor Tim O'Reilly, played host at a barbecue attended by about 250 persons, at the I.D.E.S. grounds, where James Roosevelt was guest of honor.

At 3 p.m. the barbecue group and others gathered at nearby Mission ball park to hear Roosevelt speak. There were about 1,000 present to hear his talk, also broadcast over the radio.

A major point made by Roosevelt was that in the past the

Unions Await Start of New State Prison

With a number of unemployed union men to be placed on jobs, union officials in the Salinas area are waiting the start of the \$10,000,000 state "medium security" prison project at Soledad.

J. B. McGinley, business agent of Laborers Union 272 at Salinas, was to travel to the prison site on Monday to meet with officials of the general contracting firm, the M. & K. Corp., Frederickson & Watson, and Plombo Bros., of San Francisco.

McGinley said he had been informed that surveys would get underway on Monday, preliminary to start of the construction itself.

Laborers of Local 272 of Salinas are finding employment on two new projects just started, according to Business Agent J. B. McGinley.

Work on the repaving of John and Abbott Streets, portions of Highways 101 through Salinas, got off to a flying start last Monday with the old pavement nearly all torn out in the week. Contractor is Ted F. Baum of Fresno.

Pouring of foundations for the 250 low-cost homes in the Santa Lucia Village tract, near the Rodeo grounds, was started last week, also. Co-builders are Talcott Lumber Co. and Goheen-Travis Corp.

Engineers Busy In S.M. County, Reports Elliott

Increasing number of big projects in San Mateo County is keeping members of Operating Engineers Union 3 busy and unemployed is at a minimum in this district, according to a report by Chet Elliott, union business agent for this county.

Elliott's report, in brief form, includes:
Increased activity at Henry Doelger Co. tract near Colma, with homes and apartments started; continued activity at Broadmoor Village tract and at the Sterling Building Co.'s home project in South San Francisco.

Slow down in work at San Francisco Airport but new contracts expected for further runway paving; rock plants have cut down on crews due to lull in building operations but increased activity is expected soon.

Apartment building construction causing boom again in San Mateo, four new projects just started, including one building to be 11 stories high; Newbridge Realty Co. tract booming again with all the 1,800 homes to be built on filled land; highway and street paving work scattered throughout the county.

Clark, Boles Off to Meet

Secretaries A. J. Clark of Bartenders Union 545 and Bertha A. Boles of Culinary Alliance 467, both unions of Salinas, will leave on Thursday for Los Angeles to attend two state conventions.

They will attend the Culinary-Bartender State Council Convention this weekend and next week will be delegates to the California State Federation of Labor convention.

Bartenders 545 Cancel Sept. 5 Meet

Regular meeting of Bartenders Union 545 of Salinas, scheduled for Monday, September 5, has been cancelled because this is Labor Day—a holiday.

Union Secretary A. J. Clark said that only one meeting of Local 545 will be held during September—this being the meeting of Monday, September 19, at 1 p.m., at the Labor Temple.

BEGINNINGS OF STATEHOOD



STATEHOOD CENTENNIAL—One hundred years ago at this time delegates were gathering in Colton Hall, Monterey, to formulate a constitution for the incipient State of California. The Centennial of this event is being celebrated at Monterey Aug. 29 through Sept. 5. Here shown is an original painting contributed to the Celebration by A. G. Warshawsky, nationally known artist. Colton Hall of today in the background, the figure of Father Junipero Serra extends blessing. (Below) Thomas O. Larkin (left), American Consul at Monterey during Mexican days, and Gen. Riley, acting military governor of the territory.

MONTEREY AREA PREPARES FOR CENTENNIAL PAGEANT

New entries are being received daily for the big parade in Monterey Sept. 3, one of the highlights of the Monterey Constitutional Convention Centennial. Well over a hundred units are now listed and the bands, floats, marchers and all the colorful pomp and pageantry will probably take three hours to pass the reviewing stand opposite the old Customs House.

Governor Earl Warren will join the parade which will be marshalled by State Senator Fred Weybret.

Completely cast as to principals, and with the large number of supporting roles well in hand, the historical pageant "Beginnings of Statehood," which keynotes the Constitutional Convention Centennial Celebration at Monterey August 29 through September 5, is now in daily rehearsal under direction of Dan Totheroh and Producer Frank Lloyd.

The pageant will be given nightly during the eight-day run of the celebration in the Monterey Peninsula Junior College stadium. Permanent seats for some 6,500 have been erected. The set on the turf below includes an authentic reproduction of the pueblo of Monterey as it was 100 years ago. A large stage to one side of the set will be used for interior scenes. Behind the stage is an orchestra shell which will accommodate a 40-piece orchestra and a large chorus group, all under direction of Wendell Otey, professor of music at San Francisco State College.

Youngsters of the Monterey Peninsula will have a special day of their own. The younger generation will have its opportunity to relive California's stirring history on Wednesday, August 31—and the boys and girls are taking their participation quite as seriously as do the grownups. A big Children's Day parade will be featured during the afternoon.

Airport, Big Sur Projects Started

Two major construction jobs were begun this week on the Monterey Peninsula, bringing new employment to building crafts, union officials said.

Fremont Construction Co. of Castroville began work on the \$190,000 hangars at Monterey Airport.

Stolte Construction Co. began construction of six new cottages and also improvements to the lodge at Big Sur.

Union officials stressed that there are no more men needed for the jobs in the Monterey area. There are sufficient numbers of local men out of work to supply these jobs and others in the near future.

Plasterers' Agent Visits

Jack Smith, international organizer for the Plasterers and Cement Finishers Union, was in Monterey and Salinas last week, conferring with officials of local unions on various problems. He visited both the Monterey Local 337 and Salinas Local 763.

FISH CANNERS SETTLE PACT; PRICE NOT SET

Fish Cannery Workers Union and the Monterey Fish Processors Assn. reached an agreement last week on terms of a contract covering work in the 1949-50 sardine fishing season, according to Secretary Roy Humbracht and Business Agent Lester Caveny of the union.

Signing of the contract between the fish cannery workers and the plant operators did not mean the start of sardine canning, however, as the fishermen and boat owners had not reached an agreement with the cannery last weekend.

Boat owners on Friday accepted an offer of \$40 a ton for sardines, dropping from the original demand of \$50, the offer from California Packing Corp. and San Xavier Cannery. Whether fishermen would agree and whether other plants would raise their original offer of \$25 was not known at time of this writing.

With the lockout ended along Cannery Row following signing of the cannery agreement, maintenance workers returned to the plants, which had been closed since official starting day of the sardine season, August 1. Some plants were packing albacore, which reportedly were plentiful in the bay.

Under the new agreement, union officials said, fish cannery workers won an improved vacation clause and a number of lesser contract improvements.

Ball Got Lobbying Fees from Two Firms

Washington, D.C.—Former Senator Joseph Ball has recently picked up at least two fees for lobbying for big corporations, it was revealed by "Labor," publication of railway unions.

The ex-Senator from Minnesota, who was one of the foremost supporters of the Taft-Hartley Act and in whose defeat for re-election last year organized labor played a major role, was reported to have received part of fees for lobbying paid by the General Motors Corp. and the General Electric Corp.

Security Tax Up

Washington.—The social security tax on American workers' weekly pay will go up from 1 per cent to 1½ per cent on next January 1, the House Ways and Means Committee decided. The committee agreed on a slow climb to a 3½ per cent tax in the next 20 years.

Doctors Fight Cheaper Care

The American Medical Assn. lobby against a people's program of national health insurance is spending big money to spread big distortions. Some of these have been exploded in previous columns. Here are a few more that the million dollar slush fund is trying to spread in a desperate effort to protect the \$19,000 annual income of the average doctor from imagined terrors of "socialized" medicine.

The AMA reactionaries state that "no benefits are guaranteed" under national health insurance, but that they are under private insurance plans. This is the exact opposite of the truth.

Under voluntary insurance plans supported by the AMA, real health services are rarely if ever assured. Most of the policies sold simply provide a certain amount of cash to pay part of the costs of a hospital bill or a surgeon's fee. They provide no protection at all for care or prevention of day-to-day illness.

NO BED INSURANCE
These policies do not assure that you'll get a doctor or a hospital bed—even if you can afford the inflated prices of having them.

National health insurance, on the other hand, would assure medical services as a right to every American who works for a living and to his family. Under the proposed legislation, it becomes the legal responsibility of doctors in every community to see that all persons, rich or poor, colored or white, get care.

The lobby tries to imply that medical privacy would be violated under health insurance and that your neighbors would know about your personal ills. This is pure nonsense; proposed legislation specifically protects the privacy of medical information.

JUST WHERE IT'S NEEDED
Under commercial insurance policies which the AMA supports, a person's privacy is really violated. Companies check back on your whole medical past before they issue a policy and then they exclude protection for "pre-existing conditions." These are just the health problems for which you usually need the most medical care.

The AMA doesn't hesitate to slander the whole American labor movement. They list the people against health insurance and those for it. Those against it include, of course, the Chambers of Commerce, Daughters of the American Revolution, Federation of Small Business, Inc., the AMA and its various professional satellites.

In listing those for it they just overlook, the AFL, the CIO, the railroad brotherhoods, and the hundreds of locals of organized labor which have taken their stand for a people's health insurance program.

Few workers will be fooled by the AMA propaganda against the people. They know that a nationwide program of insurance for medical care is the only way to bring the benefits of science to the people who need it.

'Help Boss, Then Ask For A Raise'
Washington.—Unions should be ready to "help improve your company's competitive position as a basis for a wage increase," the AFL advises in the July issue of its research bulletin, Labor's Monthly Survey, released August 13.

The bulletin offers an outline of the profit prospects of a number of industries, listing 10 as having a "more favorable earnings outlook" in the coming year. An average profit outlook is foreseen for another 17 industries, according to the AFL survey. It warns, however, that its analysis is based chiefly on large companies, and may not adequately represent small companies in all cases.

The AFL bulletin expresses confidence that the U. S. economy will pull through the present recession. It points out that productivity per worker is increasing, that high priced goods have been cleared from many merchants' inventories, and that unemployment has been less than the five million anticipated.

Vets Lose Benefits

Washington.—About 90,000 veterans who had been drawing 52-20 unemployment benefits under the GI Bill of Rights filed claims for state jobless insurance the first week of August, the Federal Security Agency said August 13. The increase was caused by Congress' failure to extend the GI Bill program.

Here's a Laugh

Washington.—Chairman Thomas B. McCabe of the Federal Reserve Board said August 8 that the way to beat a depression was to encourage business by cutting down corporation taxes.

We Are Not Appreciated

(State Fed. Release)
San Francisco.—The Commercial News, a San Francisco business sheet, doesn't appreciate the Weekly News Letter series on the insurance lobby activities at Sacramento.

It claims "the attack indicates a very definite effort to put the insurance business in a bad light . . ."

However, the punch line comes in a description of the disability insurance plan when, we quote: "SO-CALLED workers under the plan who have one per cent deducted . . ."

An approximate 17,000 workers were killed in American industry last year. SO-CALLED workers, if you read the Commercial News,

COMING HERE



DESPERATE DANNY—That ebullient personage Danny Kaye, internationally famed comedian, will participate in the Constitutional Convention Centennial Celebration at Monterey. Danny will have a prominent spot in the Constitutional Parade of Saturday, September 3. The celebration runs August 29 through September 5.

Rice, Kenyon At Political Meets in SLO

Secretaries of the two Central Labor Councils in this county traveled to San Luis Obispo last week to attend three major meetings in regard labor-political matters and to hear James Roosevelt, son of the late President, in a stirring address.

William G. ("Bud") Kenyon, secretary of the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas, and George L. Rice, acting secretary of the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council at Monterey, made the trip.

Meetings attended included one for formation of a Tri-County Labor League for Political Education. They were present for the 11th Congressional District Democratic Committee session also.

Roosevelt spoke at a rally called by the newly-formed San Luis Obispo County Democratic Club. He discussed many state and national issues and gave a word picture of Governor Earl Warren as "the great non-partisan governor" but "weak and ineffective."

L.A. Judge Says Rent Act Is OK

Los Angeles.—The national rent control act is constitutional, a Federal Court judge ruled here August 15 as he took sharp issue with another Federal judge in Chicago, who recently ruled it was not.

Latest judicial contribution to the controversial question was made by Judge Leon A. Yankwich as he denied a local landlord's motion to dismiss a government suit brought in behalf of tenants who were charged above current ceiling rentals. The landlord cited the Chicago judge's ruling as precedent for his argument that the act was unconstitutional.

But Yankwich said: "I do not agree with the recent decision in a case in the Federal Court in Illinois which held that the housing and rent control act of 1949 was unconstitutional. The war emergency still exists and the U. S. Supreme Court has held repeatedly that war powers may be exercised for a number of years after the shooting war ends."

Judge Elwyn Shaw ruled in the Illinois case that a section of the act was unconstitutional because it gave cities power to end rent controls, a power, he said, which Congress cannot delegate to local communities. Asserting that Congress has such power, Yankwich pointed out that it was no greater delegation of authority than that given advisory committees under the Federal agricultural act to fix quotas for the interstate shipment of citrus fruits. That provision has not been challenged.

In Union Circles
Still no word on moving day for Carpenters Union 1323, the union's new hall nearly ready. Delays caused by difficulties encountered in connection with plastering are reported.

Sugar workers in the Salinas area are back on the job at the Spreckels Sugar Corp. plant in Spreckels. The plant re-opened last week for its seasonal run and a big year is expected.

It was reported last week that George R. Harter, former business agent of Salinas Carpenters Union 925, made a quick motor trip to Nebraska with his wife. Word had been received that Mrs. Harter's father was seriously ill, friends said.

Bartenders of Salinas Local 545 were to gather on Tuesday of this week for their annual barbecue outing. The affair was scheduled at Rodeo Gun Club picnic grounds and proceeds were to go into the union's welfare and benefit fund, Secretary A. J. Clark reported.

Mrs. Margaret Brown, office secretary of Carpenters 925 of Salinas, is back from her vacation trip to Boulder Dam and the Grand Canyon, the trip made by train. She and her husband, LeRoy Brown, reportedly had a big time "seeing the sights."

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LET US KEEP PENSION LAW

Among the many reasons why Californians should vote against repealing our present pension law is the provision in the repeal measure that the former pension law shall be put back where it was before the present law displaced it. This means that the pension law, if the repeal measure should carry, would again be changed from a provision of our state constitution to a statute law, which later could be changed by the legislature in any way our lawmaking body might take a notion to change it, without submitting it to a vote of the people.

This would again leave our old age pensions at the mercy of the California State Legislature. Although the proposed repeal measure provides for making the monthly pension \$75, as does the present law, the important distinction between what we now have and what the repeal measure would give us is that our present law is a part of the constitution, which cannot be changed without first having any proposed change submitted to a vote of the people at a regular or a special election, while the repeal measure being submitted as Proposition No. 2, would not be a part of the constitution and consequently pensions could be reduced from \$75.00 to \$50.00 or any other figure the legislature from time to time might decide on without a vote at any election. Present and prospective pensioners cannot afford to give this power to reduce pensions back to the legislature. Leave it where it is. Vote No on No. 2.

LABEL WEEK IN SEPTEMBER

Back in the thirties, when the sledding was plenty tough for both the unions and the millions of unemployed workers who had never belong to any union, an attempt was made by the union label department of the A. F. of L. to interest our various unions in the idea of setting aside a union label month in the spring of each year for the purpose of encouraging a systematic drive to stimulate the sale of goods bearing the union label of the various unions of the A. F. of L.

The idea has now shifted to such a drive during a one-week period, so timed as to connect with Labor Day of each year. Since the use of the union label was initiated to enable buyers to recognize goods, which has been produced by members of our unions, there has been a tremendous increase in the number of dollars being earned every day by people who are being paid union wages. To have one week each year set aside during which union people everywhere conduct a drive to buy union made goods is a splendid idea.

This union label week does not imply that members should forget their union label during the other 51 weeks of the year. On the contrary the idea underlying it all is that the pace set for buying union label goods during union label week should be adopted as the standard to guide them during the remainder of the year. As far as it is possible to do so union earned money should always be spent to buy union label goods.

STUDY THE PROPOSITIONS

Every voter in the state of California will have an opportunity to vote for or against a number of proposals to be decided by the voters at a special election to be held November 8th.

Do not make the mistake of permitting yourself to be influenced by billboards or other propaganda mediums intended to swing your vote. Instead, get each proposition itself and read it carefully from start to finish. Use your own good sense to determine if you should vote for it or against it.

In past elections far too few voters have taken the time to read over the proposals that they are helping to decide with their votes. As a result they are readily swayed by what others may recommend and if measures have not even been read by the voter he often is in the dark on how to vote after he steps into the voting booth.

Reading or listening to discussions on measures to be voted on may be helpful and enlightening, but there is nothing that can take the place of your own reading of the actual proposal itself, because that is what will become the law, if it gets a majority vote, instead of what somebody says about it.

First of all be registered to vote, then take time off, if necessary, to study the proposals you will help to decide November 8, 1949.

How many union labels do you have on your person? Make a complete check-up on just where you stand. This is a fine test of your unionism.

If you don't happen to be registered at the place you now live take a special trip to the county court house tomorrow and have it attended to.

To be entitled to vote next Nov. 8th you will have to be registered 54 days before that time, which makes Sept. 14th the last day on which you can get registered for this year's November election.

Bits Of Humor

"Hey, your shoes are mixed. You got the left shoe on the right foot!"
"Well, whadda ya know! And for 20 years I been thinking I was club-footed!"

Mother: "Now before you get serious with him, be sure he is always kind."

Daughter: "Oh, I'm sure he is; he told me he put his shirt on a horse that was scratched!"

Glamour Girl: "Why, yes, I'll endorse your cigaret for \$50,000."
Advertising Agent: "I'll see you inhale first."

Old Lady—Here's a penny, my poor man. How did you become so destitute?

Beggar—I was like you, mum—always giving away vast sums to the poor and needy.

The sailor had just given his wife a beautiful skunk coat as a gift.
"I can't see," she murmured, "how such a fine coat comes from such a foul-smelling beast."
Wearily the sailor replied: "I don't ask for thanks, dear, but I do demand respect."

Fortune does not change men; it only unmasks them.—Riccoboni.

"How do you keep your children out of the cookie jar?"

"I lock the pantry door and hide the key under the cake of soap in the bathroom."

"That modernistic artist says he can't paint a stroke if there is anybody around while he is trying to work."

"Well, be sure not to leave him alone for a single minute."

Fond mother (to the sitter)—"Did you have any trouble with Junior? He usually is as good as gold."
Sitter—"Well, about an hour ago he went off the gold standard."

Always keep in mind that had officials are often elected by the people who didn't vote.

Joe Bean is one married man who always has the last word.—It is "Yes, dear."

She wears slacks, but in a manner to recall an old truism: "The end justifies the means."

I like the silent pictures best, Their return I'd greet with a shout.

Ah, to see a woman open her mouth, And never a sound come out.

A very exclusive nudist colony voted NO on the application of a candidate because she was tattooed.

"It's not just the work I enjoy," said the taxi driver, "it's the people I run into."

Little Jerry came down the stairs bellowing lustily. "What's the matter now?" said his mother. "Papa was hanging pictures and hit his thumb with a hammer," said Jerry.

"That's not so serious," soothed his mother. "A big man like you shouldn't cry at a trifle like that. Why didn't you just laugh?"
"I did," sobbed Jerry.

"A kiss is the shortest distance between two pouts," says Lize.

An adult is a person who has stopped growing at both ends and started in the middle.

It was one of those nerve racking days every parent has experienced at some time or other. Betty had got a bean stuck in her nose; some unknown substance had to be removed from an ear; she had painted the family daschund with mom's lipstick; snapped a mouse trap on the tail of a neighbor's cat; and had put her teddy bear in the toilet and then flushed it.

Mother had cooed, pleaded, admonished and scolded in vain. When Betty finally suggested that she'd be good for a nickel, mother was amazed, then indignant: What manner of child was this she had nurtured which proposed bribery as the cost of good behavior. She was firm in her refusal and admonished the erring offspring thusly:

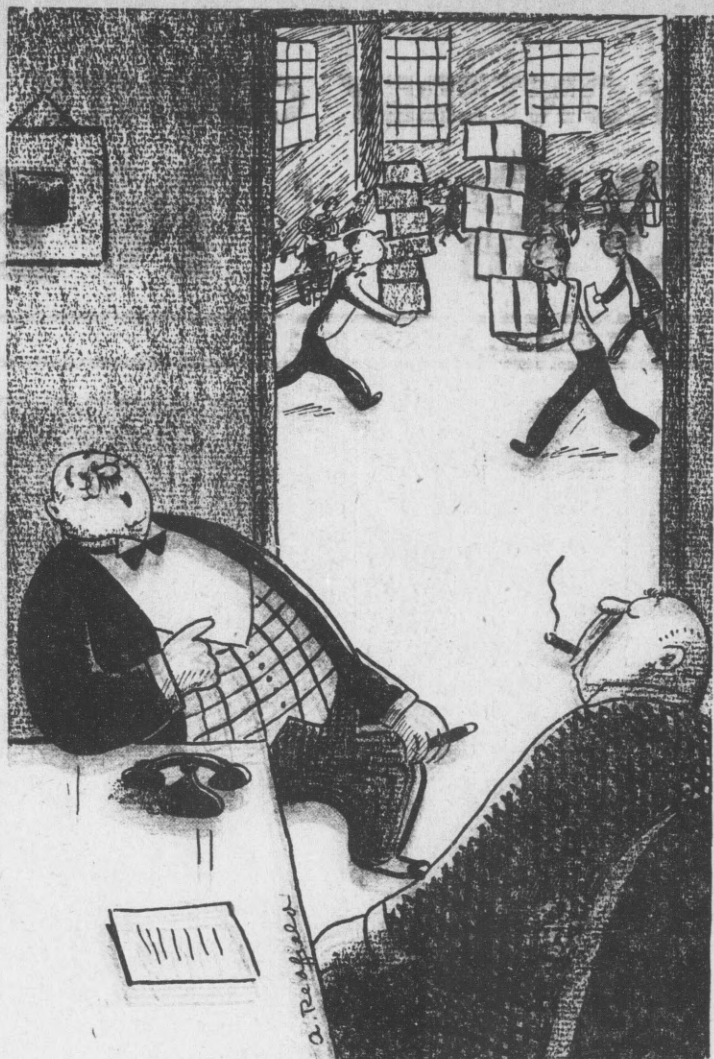
"For shame! Asking a bribe for being good. That trait comes neither from your mother nor your daddy. You must have inherited it from your uncle. And now young lady you listen to me. There will be no nickel for being good. I want you to be just like your daddy. He is good for nothing."

A lisp they say, is to call a spade a thpade. And that reminds me of the lispng shoe clerk who told his attractive customer:

"Thit down, pleeth, while I look up your thighs."

Nervous woman passenger (on bus): "Driver, that man sitting across from me is a lunatic. He keeps muttering he's George Washington."

Driver: "I'll take care of him." (Raising his voice) "All out for Mount Vernon."



"... and as a bonus for more work per hour they get a personal handshake from you, J. B."



OUR GROUNDHOG WORLD

By Geo. Cartwright

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES

ACL Union-News, (Aug., 1949) informs us:

"How the FBI operates may be judged somewhat by the following incident that occurred in San Francisco June 30; Charles Cousens and Kenneth Parkyns arrived by plane from Australia to testify for the defense of the Tokyo Rose treason trial. When they alighted from the plane they were met by a Customs Inspector in uniform who stated, 'Will you come along with me, please.'

"He took them to the Customs office (even though they had cleared Customs in Hawaii) and turned them over to Eldon Dunn and Fred Tillman, FBI agents. The agents falsely informed the men that Wayne Collins, defense attorney, had consented to the interview. Before they had gotten very far Mr. Collins burst into the office and liberated the Australians. He charged that the detention was unlawful.

"Obviously the Customs Inspector had been used to decoy the defense witnesses into the hands of FBI. The Inspector had no business using his authority to hold the men for the FBI, but the two acted voluntarily. In fact, the Bureau of Customs has already denied that there was an unlawful detention. Indeed, on the advice of Mr. Tom DeWolfe, U. S. Assistant Attorney General, who is trying the Tokyo Rose case, no effort was made by Customs to get the story of the detention directly from the Australians.

The ACLU as asked for the departments' version of what happened, but the matter has now been referred to Washington for an answer."

ARITHMETIC VS. ECONOMICS

If a piece of land will rent for \$300 and annual tax is \$50, Landholders' net rent of \$250 at 5% is a sale value of \$5,000. That's capitalizing "Net Land Rent" by arithmetic. In Economics, however, the buyers' prosperity or poverty decides the value. If home buyers or business land buyers are impoverished the Landholder may find their condition prevents his obtaining the Land-Rent available when he became purchaser. His capitalized value fades as peoples' buying power departs, that's economics.

FATALISM'S FUTILITY

Discuss our economic problems with one fatalist who is positive Armageddon is around the corner, that God is His wisdom did not furnish humanity with brains to solve their problems, that only washing the world with blood and fire will usher in justice, and you're driven to the conclusion that no matter how sincere your fatalist friend's beliefs, such folks discourage study that would make clear to all humanity that workers' poverty, enslavement and finally war and pestilence is rooted in Land Monopoly for which "Progress & Poverty" by Henry George, makes the remedy crystal clear.

GRAB-BAG DEMOCRACY

"Showing how truly democratic our democratic governments is, the grant to the European politicians includes an item of \$150 millions to guarantee American investors abroad against confiscation, currency devaluation and other political hazards."—analysis, N. Y.

N. B.—To above we may add some \$3,000,000,000 to make China safe for monopoly—gone down the sewer. Now add to above the re-

ported \$90,000,000 lend-lease to Britain to help British and U. S. Oil Companies buy oil concessions in Arabia; \$10,000,000 to Raisin Growers to sustain the value of farm mortgages, and as auctioneers say, "other items too numerous to mention," and we begin to believe the book that says, "charity covers a multitude of sins."

WORLD WAR III INVITATION

"In Fact," 8-8-49, states: "Every day the U. S. press publishes on its front page every news item favoring the Atlantic Pact, rearmament of Europe, alignment of the West for World War III against the East. Everyone who is for war can make the front page.

But when one of America's greatest warriors, General Wainwright, denounced the Atlantic Pact as a war pact, he is buried or suppressed.

"The Atlantic Pact," declared Gen. Wainwright, addressing Disabled American Veterans, of which he is president "is a straight invitation to another war."

N. B.—If you own any steel corporation stock or bonds you may consider Gen. Wainwright's sentiments as a reasonable effort to prevent sale to taxpayers of \$1,450,000,000 of munition for Europe, that we pay for in addition to other small items heretofore mentioned.

Doctors Put Pressure On Sick Patients!

You might even be lying flat on your back in the hospital when you hear the syrupy words many doctors throughout the country are preparing to feed their patients.

With the American Medical Association waging an all-out war against any form of national health insurance, doctors are being given "suggestions" to put pressure on their sick patients to write Congress against such a proposal.

As outlined by Federal Security Administrator Oscar Ewing, the government plan would directly benefit virtually every person in this country by providing them with adequate medical care.

This is only one of the more shocking features of AMA's selfish drives against the welfare of the American people. Some papers have reported the news, but too many have ducked on pointing out that AMA is making a big business of its fight against this legislation. It has hired a California team of publicists for a \$10,000 fee. In addition, it is attempting to raise a \$3 1/2 million slush fund by a \$25 tax on its membership.

There's a good reason why papers aren't handling the full story. A few years ago, when these same publicity agents ran a campaign against a California health insurance bill proposed by Republican Gov. Earl Warren, paid ads were given to California newspapers. This "bribe" brought results, according to one of the lobbyists, "beyond anything we expected."

And maybe that's why papers are "keeping quiet about medical care for all Americans. They might be looking for their share of that \$3 1/2 million.

Starving Millionaires!

(State Fed. Release)

San Francisco.—Despite the moans and groans of starving millionaires; the facts of life in 1949 reveal that this year the profits of all private corporations, after taxes, will be nearly double what they were in 1929.

Corporate earnings will be more than three times as high in 1949 as in 1939.

The 1949 profit figure will be more than one-half times 1941 earnings.

Corporations will earn more this year than in any one of the years during World War II.

Here are the corporate profit figures, after taxes, in billions of dollars. (Statistical source: U. S. Department of Commerce)

1929	\$8.4	1944	\$10.8
1939	5.0	1945	8.7
1940	6.4	1946	12.8
1941	9.4	1947	18.1
1942	9.4	1948	20.1
1943	10.4	1949	15.3

(Editor's Note: The 1949 figure, necessarily an estimate, is furnished by the President's Council of Economic Advisers.)

Unions Grow Fast In New Mexico

Albuquerque, N.M.—In New Mexico five years ago there were very few union members. Now, however, hundreds of workers are signing union cards every day.

Truck drivers, printers, bakers, building trades workers and chain store clerks are but a few of the many types of employees who are joining the ranks of organized labor.

One union, the Retail Clerks Intl. Assn. (AFL), reports that in the past three months, 60 elections have been won. Similar results of union triumphs have been announced by other unions. Since the state has few large industries, most of the elections involve small numbers of workers.

Probably the most important factor to spark the organization drive here was the labor reaction to the anti-closed shop constitutional amendment last fall. At that time, with only few unionists leading the fight, labor rallied to defeat the measure. On the positive side of the ledger was the passage of an FEPC act—a campaign which was pushed by AFL building trades workers and CIO miners.

IAM Wins 5-Day Harvester Strike

Louisville, Ky.—The Intl. Assn. of Machinists (unaffiliated) won an agreement calling for revision of job classifications as a result of a 5-day strike that closed the Louisville works of Intl. Harvester Co.

IAM Business Rep. Robert Weinhardt said 60 per cent of the strikers got immediate upward adjustments in rates. A union-management committee will study other rates for possible changes, but no man's pay will be cut. The union also obtained dues checkoff and a wage reopening clause.

Weinhardt thanked members of the AFL and CIO unions for respecting IAM picketlines.

Weinhardt said: "It was remarkable the way those men stayed on the other side of the picketlines, especially since many of them had just returned from a long layoff. I think the company finally realized that the unions were working together and it couldn't play off one against the other."

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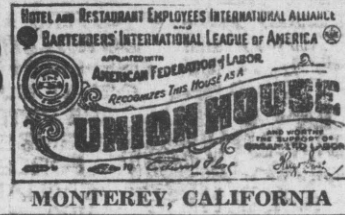


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Local 483 Reports



With only a few days remaining before the opening of the Monterey County Fair and the California Centennial Celebration, Local 483 has been deluged with calls for extra help of all classifications. At this writing, we have no cooks, kitchen helpers or dishwashers available for the job calls. Neighboring locals, including several San Francisco Unions, have

here, in the form of beautiful surroundings and good neighbors. But it takes much more than that to make life complete. We need also decent housing, and job opportunities which will enable us to pay our way. In both of these commodities our community is woefully short. And it is becoming increasingly obvious that no one else is going to provide housing and job security for us. WE MUST DO THAT JOB OURSELVES. And we can do it, by pooling our strength and working together. We can begin the sponsorship of a Federal Housing Authority through our Central Labor Council, and other co-operative groups. We can keep after our city and county officials and make certain that they make honest attempts—successful attempts—to attract new business and commerce to our area, which in turn will mean new jobs for workers, and more money for the community. We can do these things, but they require intelligent planning, hard work, and lots of patience. Not from the organizational leaders only, but from each and every man and woman who has a stake in the future of our community. Let's start that ball rolling, and KEEP IT ROLLING until we have achieved our purpose—better living and enhanced security for every working family of the Peninsula.

L.A. Sheet Metal Wkrs.
Los Angeles—Members of Local 108, Sheet Metal Workers International Association (AFL) unanimously okayed a new contract which increases their wages 10¢ an hour. The new agreement also provides a vacation plan and greater security for shop stewards.

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TO ALL OUR MEMBERS—The last general meeting of this quarter will be held on September 13 in Salinas and if you have not attended one meeting in this quarter be sure to attend this next meeting as non-attendance will mean a \$2.50 fine.

Contracts signed this week for Cam J. Regas and Sons in the fresh spinach pack, Dempsey-Hudson Company, frozen foods, Salinas lumber industry, Monterey lumber industry, all pick-up and delivery companies such as Pacific Motor Transport, Gilberts, Coast Line, Clarke Bros., and Highway Transport. These agreements are on file in the office and copies may be had for any of those who are working in any of the above industries or company operations.

Produce drivers contracts have been printed in booklet form and are being mailed to all produce drivers in the area. Of course some drivers may not receive one, so if you do not receive one of these contracts in the mail, please come to the union office so that you may have one for yourself so you'll know what conditions you are working under. May we remind all our members that all contracts negotiated with the employers are mutually agreed to by the employers and the union and any conditions or any articles in the contracts are agreed to by the employer and the union and both have pledged themselves to be guided by the contract for a certain period of time.

Therefore, it often times happens that some supervisor or foreman who is not in on the original negotiations, interprets the agreement the way he sees it; or in some instances the supervisors do not read the agreements but only guess at what is in it. It is the duty of our membership to acquaint themselves with the contract under which they are working so that when such supervisors or foremen arbitrarily take the position that the contract or conditions should be a certain way, we can call to his attention the conditions the employer has agreed to and this creates over a period of time, the conditions where some foremen decide that the agreement reads his way and not the way it was intended to be. When the employer puts an agreement in writing to abide by it and it is up to each and every member to see that he does. Also that works the same way with the union members; when we make an agreement with the employer we give our word, and good, bad or indifferent, we will live with the contract for a year and abide by its terms.

Recently there have been pickets placed on various places by other unions than ours. We are faced from time to time with these picket lines and before we go through them we should know what they are placed there for, so get in touch with the office of the union, by phone collect, so you may acquaint yourself with the conditions and to know if the picket is legitimate and has been properly sanctioned. If any members knowingly go through a picket line they will be subject to fines or expulsion from this union.

Secretary Andrade is finishing up his vacation and by the time you receive this issue he will be back on the job ready to carry on for another year. We hope he has had a grand vacation and we will all be interested to know "where are the fish?"

Remember to buy union-made goods and to patronize those places that display the union card such as gas stations and taxi cabs. Remember the following cabs are the only union cabs in Salinas paying union wages and conditions and if you need the services of a cab, call the following cab companies: Black and White, Checker, Packard, Salinas and Yellow. These are not scab cabs and are paying their drivers good, guaranteed union wages while other cabs that operate scab and non-union in Salinas do not pay any guarantee and leave it to the driver to make as little as he can and generally he is working 12 to 14 hours per day for five or six dollars. And as long as we patronize these scab cabs they will still be around. So ride in union cabs operated by members of this union.

Also buy your gas at the following places: Les Thompson, Front and Alisal; Firestone Stores, Monterey and San Luis; Sears in Valley Center, Deane on E. Gabilan; and Lamars, E. Market and Monterey. These places are 100 per cent union and are paying a good union wage. Remember, when you buy gas from any other stations but these, you are agreeing with the non-union operator that you believe in his low wages and that you do not want good wages for the members of our union. Try a

tank full of good union gas from the above stations served by a good, union brother.

If you have not registered to vote please drop by the office of the union and register. If you have not been a voter previously, or if you have registered but did not vote in the last general election or have moved recently to a new address, please come into the office and let the girls know so that they may re-register you. It is very important to be a registered voter so that when the time comes that we can express ourselves for or against any measures or candidates who are on the ballot we can do it the American way.

The AFL labor movement in the Salinas area has gone on record and has endorsed the annexation of Alisal to Salinas. This, of course, comprises all AFL unions in Salinas as well as our union. If and when annexation comes to our community, we will be able to work toward the end of getting heavy industry in the Salinas area where we will have work for our people the year around and not be dependent upon agriculture. This, of course, is a long range program but we will be working toward that goal. The working people will be most affected when and if this annexation comes about because we are so far in the majority in the area. It is important to us that this community work toward the end to provide jobs all year around at a good, standard wage so that we, the working people, may prosper. Of course this cannot be done unless we lend our votes, effort and time to this annexation. When this annexation vote comes about, be sure and cast your ballot on that date.

Have you been to the blood bank? If not, come to the office for information on how you can be a blood donor.

Our next kiddies show will be held on August 27 at the Salinas Union High School auditorium, at which time we will have more surprises for the kiddies plus giving away a bicycle for some lucky kid to ride to school this coming fall. If your kiddies have not attended our free kiddies shows, be sure and have them at the next one. It is held at 10 a.m.

VETERANS NEWS

Veterans eligible for the special \$2,800,000,000 GI Insurance Dividend were reminded today by the Veterans Administration that application forms will not be available until August 29th.

In the meantime the VA asks that veterans do not write or telephone to VA offices regarding these applications. Letters and telephone calls must be answered promptly and that diverts valuable time from other pressing VA work. The application forms will be available in every post office, VA office, and at all Veterans Service Organizations beginning August 29th, which is the earliest date the Government Printing Office can complete distribution.

Question: My son, a veteran of peacetime service, is drawing compensation for a service-connected disability due to spinal cord injury which has paralyzed his legs. Is he entitled to federal aid to acquire a specially designed home for wheelchair living?

Answer: A veteran of war or peacetime service with a permanent total disability due to service-connected spinal cord injury such as you mention may qualify for federal aid to acquire a home.

Question: My father was dependent on my brother who passed away while hospitalized by Veterans Administration. Is my father entitled to death compensation?

Answer: Your father may qualify for compensation if your brother's death was due to service. Compensation for a parents is \$48 per month.

Question: I am receiving \$13.80 compensation every month for a service-connected disability. If I become permanently and totally disabled for causes not due to service, will I be entitled to compensation?

Just to give an example of how the bad housing situation discourages competent workers from locating in Monterey, let me tell about the waiters from San Francisco Local 30 who came here to open up the new Surf Room of the Pebble Beach Club. Most of these men, who by the way were for the most part excellent workmen, found rooms in Monterey hotels, on a weekly basis, at rates ranging from \$12 to \$20 per week. That is a big enough whack to cut from a small pay check, but to make matters worse, nearly all were advised by the local innkeepers that they could look forward to daily rates during the Centennial Celebration. And the daily rates quoted? They ranged from \$3.00 to \$7.00 per day, for rooms which are always available in large communities at \$7.00 to \$10.00 per week. In this way does our Monterey Peninsula "win friends and influence people"—and drive good workers from our midst.

The answer to this very serious problem is not easy to find, and once found, will be tremendously difficult to implement. The accent in this area has been on construction of expensive rental units during the past three years. Investors money has been used for the construction of motels, cabins, and "quickie" rent houses in the unincorporated areas—all of which are available or renting for very high rates. This may be satisfactory to our tourist friends, who visit here for a few days or weeks, and plan their budget accordingly. It is a real handicap, though, to workers who are invited here to make their living, and find that they just can't pay their way in this community because of this vicious rental situation. Perhaps you remember the slogan which helped elect our incumbent MIS-representative, E. K. Bramblett, to Congress in 1946? Billboards splashed—"HOUSING NOW—NOT ALIBIS" after the Bramblett name. That was nearly four years ago. And what has Bramblett's contribution been toward the production of this housing? Less than nothing, if such a quotient is possible. He recently voted AGAINST the Administration's Housing Bill, which was passed by a large majority anyway. In a letter to this writer, Bramblett stated: "If I thought this bill would help to produce housing, I would vote for it. But I do not believe it will help at all, so I am going to vote against it." It is the privilege of a legislator to vote against bills which he feels are unworkable. However, in so doing he must accept a moral responsibility to come forth with a substitute bill which WILL produce the desired result. Has Bramblett done this? Despite his egoistic cries of "Housing Now—Not Alibis"—he has come forth with no legislation to make good his slogan. His entire voting record has been one of working AGAINST constructive legislation which seeks a cure to our problems, but he has brought forth no intelligent measures to substitute for the legislation he works against. A record of complete negation.

Well, we and others like us CAN do something about these problems of housing. We have a National Law now which provides for Federal assistance in the construction of low-cost, low-rent housing projects, despite the NAY vote of our local MIS-representative. We can, in co-operation with other organizations and individuals, start the ball rolling RIGHT NOW to get some of this Federal assistance for the Monterey Peninsula Area. It is

tion for non-service-connected disability?

Answer: Yes. Payment will be made to you under the benefit providing the higher amount, if you are otherwise eligible.

Question: My husband was married and divorced twice before we were wed. Why do I have to prove the dissolution of these prior marriages?

Answer: The dissolution of all prior marriages is essential in order to prove the validity of your marriage.

the only way that we will ever obtain the construction of decent rental units which working families can AFFORD to rent. Private capital has proven during the past three years that it is completely disinterested in the construction of rentals for workers families with average or small incomes. Real estate interests, in a further shameful display of their greed, are even now attempting to start the ball rolling to de-control rents in our community—and thus grab more and more of the workers income in the form of rents. Working people ARE resisting this foul grab, and will continue to resist until the move is beaten down. But we can do MORE than merely resist. We can start our OWN BALL rolling—in the direction of a Federal Housing Authority for the Peninsula. It won't be easy to roll such a ball—local investors in real estate will fight such a move with all the money, influence, and political power they control. And they control plenty of each item! For example, such interests control all of our local State and National Representatives—our State Senator and Assemblyman, and our MIS-representative in Congress. We can do this job despite all the opposition. WE MUST DO THE JOB if we are to make this a community where working people can live decently and within their means. For our community, in the final analysis, depends primarily upon the workers who earn and spend their money here—not just on the retired industrialists, black-marketeers, and big brass who come here in ever-increasing numbers to live out their remaining days in the peace and comfort of our Monterey Peninsula.

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Provide Jobs in Spots, AFL Asks

Toronto, Canada.—In an optimistic report on American economic trends, the executive council of the American Federation of Labor urged a 3-point program to combat sporadic unemployment.

First, the council gave its endorsement to President Truman's directive that government agencies increase their purchases in communities seriously affected by factory shutdowns and unemployment.

Second, the council called upon Congress to approve the preparation of a "shelf" of public works projects which could be swung into operation promptly in localities needing a stimulus to business activity.

Third, the council emphasized the need of prompt congressional action on the pending housing bill which would authorize low-interest government loans to cooperatives and non-profit groups for the construction of moderate-rental apartments acutely needed by the nation's workers.

At the opening session of its mid-summer meeting here, the executive council hailed mounting evidence that business is picking up throughout the nation.

BACKLOG INCREASING
AFL President William Green told his press conference that the council was especially gratified by reports that unemployment is leveling off and that the backlog of orders for manufactured products is increasing. The banner season in building construction, he said, is helping to revive industrial production generally.

Before adjourning its sessions here, the executive council will participate in shaping future plans for the 1950 congressional election campaign through the machinery of Labor's League for Political Education; review legislative developments affecting labor; formulate AFL's policies on the international labor front in connection with the forthcoming establishment of a worldwide organization of free trade union centers, and draft its annual report to the Oct. 3 AFL convention at St. Paul, Minn.

Because of the press of work, the council voted to hold regular night sessions in an attempt to wind up the meeting within one week.

The text of the statement issued by the council on economic conditions follows:

DEPRESSION NEEDLESS
"The executive council is gratified by cumulative indications that business activity is increasing and

that unemployment is leveling off. "We wish to reiterate at this time that there is no justification for an economic depression in the United States. In fact, we attribute a good deal of the 'recession' talk to a deliberate propaganda campaign designed to clamp the brakes on wages.

"While unemployment has now reached a total of 4,000,000 according to government estimates, employment is still near the high 50,000,000 figure and serious dislocations have occurred only in relatively few localities and in few industries. As a whole business conditions are good and showing improvement.

TIME FOR ACTION
"Nevertheless, when unemployment reaches the highest point since pre-war days, it is time for action. We commend President Truman's order to government agencies to increase purchasing in communities which have been hard hit by factory closings and unemployment. We also emphatically urge that Congress authorize the preparation of a 'shelf' of public works projects as a preparatory and precautionary step. Such projects could be put into operation to stimulate business activity and create jobs in any locality which may encounter an emergency situation.

"Furthermore, the executive council calls upon Congress to approve before adjournment pending legislation to encourage the construction of moderate rental apartments for families just above the low-income group. This legislation, which would involve no government subsidies but would authorize low-interest loans to cooperatives and non-profit groups to build apartments, is badly needed to supplement the public housing and slum clearance program already approved by Congress. The shortage of rental housing in the \$50 and \$60 a month level is acute and new construction activity in this field would serve as a stimulus to all of industry."

Jobs Show Increase In Building Industry

Washington.—Construction employment totaled 2,149,000 in mid-July, scoring a 71,000 increase from mid-June, according to preliminary estimates of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

All sections of the country shared in the rise over the month with the largest gains reported in the Middle Atlantic and North Central states, the bureau said.

Compared with July, 1948, construction contractors had 70,000 fewer persons at work in mid-July this year. Employment was higher in the South Central and Middle Atlantic states, but all other regions were below the July, 1948, level, with the sharpest drops reported in the Pacific and South Atlantic states.

The value of new construction put in place during July totaled \$1,913,000,000, 10 per cent above June and 2 per cent above July, 1948. New monthly dollar records were established in July for privately financed public utilities, public educational and hospital facilities, and federal conservation and development work. Industrial construction was the only type of work to show an expenditure decrease from June.

Private homebuilders spent \$700,000,000 on new nonfarm housing in July, a full \$100,000,000 jump from June. The most important June-July gain in public construction was a \$25,000,000 rise on highway work.

So far in 1949, new construction expenditures, totaling \$10,300,000,000, have surpassed last year's 7-month total by 3 per cent. Pri-

Broad Insurance Plan Won by Auto Workers

Lansing, Mich.—Local 182 of the AFL's United Automobile Workers of America, reported winning of benefits amounting to from 8 to 10 cents an hour in its new agreement with the Centrifugal Fusing Company.

The benefits include an insurance program with all premiums paid for by the company. The insurance plan provides for \$2,000 in life and accidental death and dismemberment coverage; \$25 a week sick benefits for 26 weeks; \$8 a day up to 70 days in a hospital; \$120 for hospital extras, and a \$200 surgical schedule. Doctor calls to the home, hospital or office are covered up to \$150 for any one disability. Twenty-five dollars is allowed for X-ray and laboratory fees, and a polio benefit of \$1,500 rounds out this unique coverage.

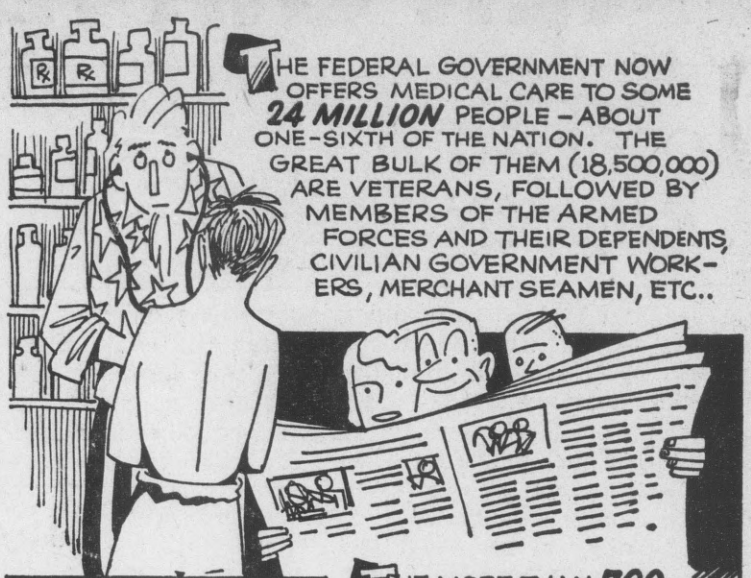
For dependents of the insured, the policy prescribes \$8 a day for hospitalization up to 70 days; \$120 for extras; a \$200 surgical schedule and the same X-ray, laboratory and polio benefits.

The hospitalization right, which now enables an unemployed worker to receive \$8 a day for 12 hospital days, was won over the intense and belligerent opposition of the insurance lobby.

All other attempts at liberalizing this plan failed because of insurance lobby influence. California workers must therefore consider this choice. They must either accept the validity of the voluntary plan and so allow insurance greed to prevent any further benefits, or they must reject the voluntary plan at the local plant level as an instrument of insurance control.

They should remember that while the voluntary plan must be superior to the state fund in the immediate sense, the very existence of the plan freezes the benefits obtained and destroys the primary purpose of the law.

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The Insurance Lobby-VI

(State Fed. Release)

(Editor's Note: This is the sixth in a series of articles treating the activities of the insurance lobby at Sacramento. This week's article concludes the series and points to the necessity for reconsideration of social insurance policies in California.)

San Francisco.—This Weekly News Letter series has reviewed the endeavors of the insurance lobby at the recent '49er session of the California Legislature to frustrate the liberal practice of the unemployment insurance function, the disability insurance function, and the workmen's compensation function.

All of these threats to genuine worker security demanded and received the opposition of the California State Federation of Labor. The disability law was written to protect workers unemployed because of non-industrial causes. It has done that in a limited way. The limitations are enforced by the insurance powers who have made millions of a plan created to aid the sick and ailing.

This intolerable situation cannot continue. The coming convention of the California State Federation of Labor will consider a boycott of all voluntary plans on the basis that such plans have merely provided the occasion for insurance abuse in the profit sphere.

There has been a confidence to the insurance lobby influence at Sacramento. But labor holds the final answer—the economic strength of its organized members. An injury to one is still an injury to all.

All of these threats betrayed the apparently inherent aversion of a lobby determined to place profit rights above human rights.

And while all of these threats deserve full condemnation, it is obvious that the disability intrigue merits particular attention.

The disability insurance plan is financed solely by the workers of the state, who contribute one per cent of their wages either to the state fund or to a private insurance unit with which they have associated themselves.

Thus, they may accept the benefits and coverage of the state disability insurance plan, which is operated by the State of California, or they may agree to be covered by a voluntary plan, presented and administered by a private insurance company.

The private plan must be superior to the state plan in at least one respect.

And since any liberalizing of the disability law will thereby reduce insurance company profits under the voluntary system, the labor movement was savagely fought whenever it sought to increase worker benefits at the '49er session.

The hospitalization right, which now enables an unemployed worker to receive \$8 a day for 12 hospital days, was won over the intense and belligerent opposition of the insurance lobby.

All other attempts at liberalizing this plan failed because of insurance lobby influence. California workers must therefore consider this choice. They must either accept the validity of the voluntary plan and so allow insurance greed to prevent any further benefits, or they must reject the voluntary plan at the local plant level as an instrument of insurance control.

They should remember that while the voluntary plan must be superior to the state fund in the immediate sense, the very existence of the plan freezes the benefits obtained and destroys the primary purpose of the law.

N. Y. SPEEDS PUBLIC WORKS

Albany, N. Y.—Governor Dewey

ordered a speed-up in the state's \$75,000,000 public works program to combat rising unemployment. His action was based on recommendations of a special interdepartmental committee that found joblessness a serious "but not alarming" problem in the state at this time.

In accordance with a suggestion from the special committee headed by Edward Corsi, state industrial commissioner, Mr. Dewey ordered the Public Works Department to place particular emphasis on projects in areas where unemployment was most severe.

The governor's action parallels President Truman's "pump-priming" order of last month to federal construction agencies in that it provides special attention for critical areas and in that it does not involve any increase in public spending beyond that already authorized.

In his announcement Mr. Dewey said that he agreed wholeheartedly with his committee's recommendation.

"We have a reserve of public construction ready to go and, I am happy to report, have the money in the bank to pay for it," he said. "This money has been carefully saved by the state administration for just such purposes and for just such times."

"Our public works program is the first line in our attack against recession. But behind this line we have a solid foundation of social legislation designed to safeguard and assist the workers of our state."

"Our unemployment insurance fund is now nearly \$1,000,000,000 and unemployment insurance benefits have been greatly increased over the past six years; our public welfare system is well organized and the state now pays 80 per cent of all home relief costs; minimum wage protection has been constantly increased; workmen's compensation payments have been continually liberalized and the state will soon place into operation its first sickness disability benefit program."

L.A. Clerks Win \$3.1 Million Pay Raise

Los Angeles.—Some 15,000 members of Local 770, Retail Clerks Intl. Assn. (AFL) started counting their individual shares of a \$3.1 million pay raise when they got word that the Food Employers Council had ratified their new contract.

The ratification announcement was made jointly by Local 770 Exec. Sec. Joseph T. DeSilva and O. G. Lawton, employers' council president. Negotiated in only one month, the contract will run 20 months from its effective date, September 4, DeSilva said.

Principal provisions include a \$2.50 weekly across-the-board raise for food clerks in the apprentice and one-year class, with the latter getting \$63 for a 40-hour week. Apprentices, DeSilva explained, will receive \$1.25 an hour or \$50 a week for the first four months; \$1.37 an hour or \$55 a week for the second four; and \$1.50 or \$60 a week for the third four months.

Shutdown of markets on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas was changed from optional to compulsory.

DeSilva said the membership was unanimous in accepting the agreement, which he lauded for the effect it would have in minimizing the current depression scare.

The Food Employers Council represents 95 per cent of food handlers in this area.

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BAKERS 24—Headquarters at Labor Temple, 72 N. Second St., San Jose, Sec., Bus. Agt., Cecil L. Bradford, phone Ballard 6341.

BARBERS 896—Meets 3rd Wednesday at Bartenders Hall, 315 Alvarado St., at 8 p.m. Pres., L. T. Taylor, 725 Lighthouse, phone 8215; Bus. Agt., Arthur Thompson, 1177 Fifth St., Monterey, phone 4745.

BARTENDERS 483—Meets at 315 Alvarado St., 1st Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 3rd Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. Pres., Chas. Osterloh, 230 Walnut St., phone 2-1792; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Geo. L. Rice, P. O. Box 284, Watsonville, phone 6745; Rec., A. W. Reiger, 411 South San Lorenzo Ave., phone 6847; office phone 197.

BRICK MASONS 16—Meets 2nd and 4th Fridays, 8:30 p.m. Pres., F. B. Hair, P. O. Box 284, Watsonville, phone 6745; Rec., 154 Eldorado, Monterey, phone 6745; Sec., Geo. Houde, 208 Carmel Ave., Pacific Grove, phone 3715.

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 8 p.m. at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, Pres., William R. Robinson, 59 Via Chular, Pacific Grove, Rec. Sec., Harry Foster Box 424, Marina, phone Mont. 7002; Bus. Agt., Fred S. Miller, 404 1/2 Vered, phone 6113. Office at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, phone 6744. Mailing address: Box 211, Monterey. Office hours: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

BUTCHERS 506 (Monterey Branch)—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Culinary Hall, at 8 p.m. Pres., Eddie Capon, 709 Eardley Ave., Pacific Grove, phone 6810; Exec. Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Earl A. Moorhead, Labor Temple, Monterey, phone 6745; Rec. Sec., R. R. Robinson, 59 Via Chular, Mont. 6436; Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtwright, 1881 Inland Ave., San Jose, Cal. 971-M.

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CARPENTERS 1323—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 8 p.m. at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, Pres., W. T. Evans, Seaside, phone 3881; Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Fred S. Miller, phone 6744 or 6726. Office at 315 Alvarado St., Box 1095, phone 6744.

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL (Monterey Peninsula)—Meets at 315 Alvarado St., 7:30 p.m. 1st and 3rd Thursdays. Pres., W. T. Evans, 381 E. Main St., Monterey, phone 6035; Sec.-Treas., Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson Ave., phone Monterey 7622.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 1072—Meets 2nd Monday at Monterey Moose Hall, 8:30 p.m. Pres., D. B. Crow, 243 Pacific St., phone 3336; Fin. Sec., Andy Lazer, Bus. Agt., Leroy Hestey, phone 8571.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesday in Salinas, Pres., Frank Brantley, Sec., Leo J. Derby, Mgr., C. F. Fitch, 122 18th St., Pacific Grove, phone 9164; Bus. Agt., Les Cavaney, Box 405, Monterey, phone 6777; Headquarters, 320 Hoffman Ave., phone 8571.

FISHERMEN (Seine and Line)—Meets monthly on full moon at 2 p.m. at Union Hall, Pres., Thomas P. Fitch, 629 E. 2nd St., Sec. and Bus. Agt., John Crivello, 327 Franklin St., phone 7113. Office and hall at 23 Alvarado St., phone 3185.

LABORERS 890—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 315 Alvarado St., 8 p.m. Pres., Perry Luce, 1251 David Ave., phone 6745; Sec. and Bus. Agt., M. M. Thomas, P.O. Box 142, Salinas, phone 3155; Alvarado, phone 6744.

LATHERS 122—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple, 2nd and 4th Fridays, 8 p.m. Pres., Roy R. Benge, Hilby St., Monterey, phone 6745; Sec.-Treas., Dean S. Seefeldt, 526 Park St., Salinas, phone 9223.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 258—Meets 3rd Thursday at Salinas Labor Temple, at 7:30 p.m. Pres., Roy R. Benge, Hilby St., Monterey, phone 6745; Sec.-Treas., Dean S. Seefeldt, 526 Park St., Salinas, phone 9223.

MECHANICS AND MACHINISTS 1824—Meets 1st Tuesday, Executive Board, 2nd Thursday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Norman F. Keppert, 133 Avis Court, Fin. Sec., L. W. Parker, 1429 Wren St., phone Salinas 544; Organizer, A. B. Woodward, 117 Pajaro St., phone 20835.

NEWSPAPER WRITERS AND REPORTERS 2273—Meets on call at Labor Temple, 211 Webster St., Oakland, Pres., Chas. L. Waite, 5823 Occidental St., Oakland, phone Olm 3-1022; Sec.-Treas., Jack Johnson, 5483 Glenhurst Ave., Oakland, phone Olm 3-0720.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 117 Pajaro St., 8 p.m. Pres., Roy R. Benge, Hilby St., Monterey, phone 6745; Sec.-Treas., Dean S. Seefeldt, 526 Park St., Salinas, phone 9223.

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POST OFFICE CLERKS 1238—Meets every other month, 8 p.m. P. O. Bldg., 8:30 p.m. Room 6, P. O. Bldg. Pres., David "Bud" Dougherty, 404 Lighthouse, P. O. Box 6219, Sec. Dick Miller, 791 Prescott, phone 6292; Bus. Agent, Art Hamill, 1034 Hellam, phone 2-0420. (Mail address, 1022 Post Office, Monterey, Calif.)

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Donald King, 106 Irving, Monterey, phone 3014; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Wm. Powell, 1027 Madrone St., Seaside, phone 21265.

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A method for the direct extraction of coconut oil from the fresh coconut meat has been discovered by chemists in the Philippines. One of every five American married women is holding down a job.

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BARTENDERS 345—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 1 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., Sec. Bus. Agt., Al J. Cline, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6745; Pres., Virgil Knight, office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4633.

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CARPENTERS 1279 (King City)—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays at King City Carpenter's Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., George A. W. Reiger, 411 South San Lorenzo Ave., phone 6847; office phone 197.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 973—Meets 2nd Tuesdays, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Ernest Darnell, 1220 Circle Dr., phone 2178; Sec., Mrs. Ernest Darnell, 140 Linden St., phone 4603; Bus. Agt., Mrs. Carl H. Perry, 727 Burke St., phone 2-2624. Office Carpenters Union Hall, 422 N. Main St., phone 5721.

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FISH CANNERY WORKERS UNION OF BOSS LANDING—Meets at Castroville Community Hall on the 1st and 3rd of each month, Sec., Bill Gray, 257 Fifth, Richmond, Bus. Agt., Theo. Thompson, Salinas Landing, phone 572.

FRESH FRUIT, VEGETABLE WORKERS UNION 912—Meets 2nd Tuesday at Moose Hall, Monterey, Sec., Ethel Al, 8 p.m. Pres., Holman Day, Sec., Ethel Al, 8 p.m. Office, 28 E. Market St., phone 9113.

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